

**FULWIDER • PATTON**

FULWIDER PATTON LEE &amp; UTECHT, LLP

HOWARD HUGHES CENTER  
6060 CENTER DRIVE, TENTH FLOOR  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045  
(310) 824-5555 • (310) 824-9696 FAX**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

Date: March 23, 2004

TelephoneFacsimileTo: Examiner Darwin P. Erez  
USPTO

703-746-7468

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

THE DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THIS TELECOPY TRANSMISSION CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BELONGING TO THE SENDER WHICH IS LEGALLY PRIVILEGED. THE INFORMATION IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY NAMED ABOVE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISCLOSURE, COPYING, DISTRIBUTION OR THE TAKING OF ANY ACTION IN RELIANCE ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS TELECOPIED INFORMATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TELECOPY IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY US BY TELEPHONE TO ARRANGE FOR RETURN OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO US.

From: Ronald E. Perez

Re: U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/307,511  
Filed: May 7, 1999  
Title: Pressure-Controlled Breathing Aid  
Applicant: Guy Bourdon  
Art Unit: 3761  
Examiner: Darwin P. Erez  
Ouor Docket No. PBLMD-51494

Client/Matter: PBLMD-51494

Number of pages (Incl. this page): 15

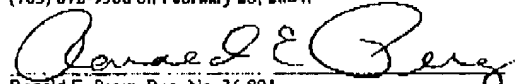
If You Do Not Receive All Pages, Please Call Nancy Whitlock at (310) 824-5555, Ext. 721

☐ Original to follow ☒ Original will NOT follow**COMMENTS/MESSAGE:**

Per your voicemail of today, attached is a copy of our Response to Final Office Action for the above-identified patent application facsimiled to your direct fax number on March 15, 2004 and on February 23, 2004 to the Central USPTO Facsimile Number. A copy of our Facsimile Cover Sheets and Confirmation Reports are also attached. We are also sending a copy of the Response to the Central USPTO Fax Number as instructed by you.

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9306 on February 23, 2004.

  
Ronald E. Perez, Reg. No. 36,891

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/307,511  
Applicant : Guy Bourdon  
Filed : May 7, 1999  
Title : PRESSURE-CONTROLLED BREATHING AID  
Art Unit : 3761  
Examiner : Darwin P. Erezzo  
  
Docket No.: : PBLMD-51494  
Customer No. : 24201

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action of December 23, 2003. This Response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Action; therefore, an Advisory Action is requested so that Applicant may timely file an Appeal should the claims rejections be maintained. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested, and the careful attention of Supervisory Patent Examiner W. Lo to this application is solicited by Applicant.